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Dr. Joshua Lederberg
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Dear Dr. Lederberg:

Having appreciated your pieces in the Washington Post, including the one most recently of January 29 entitled "Our Pal, the Computer," I drop you this note to express the hope that when you are in these environs that we might have a chat about the problem which seems to occupy you among others, the problem of the Individual.

One wonders if the collective agony over the individual will make one iota of difference in the future. One wonders if there is not built into the perverse, fallible but fairly indomitable individual intrinsic elements which protect his individuality? However, we cannot take the chance, can we, and therefore we play the fascinating game of speculating and attempting to plan for his preservation in our future institutions and society.

In my capacity at the National Planning Association, which is concerned essentially with economic and political matters, I am endeavoring to project a new mission for the NPA over the next one or two decades, and, of course, the problem of the Individual, as it should with all inquiry and endeavor, begins with the root unit, the individual. I attach a trifle which deals with the current frenetic activity in organizing the institution of Art and how it might play a role, given a recognition of the potentiality among educators particularly at the elementary level, in value formation which is the ultimate protection of the Individual. You might also

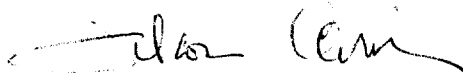
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be interested in our current biennial Activities Report on the Association.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Judson Chrisney", written over a horizontal line.

Judson Chrisney
Director, Long Range
Institutional Planning

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